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VISITING CAMPUS
Campus visits help students determine if a college is the right fit for them. After all, it will be their “home” for four years! We offer a variety of visit options to help students see themselves on campus and experience the community. Head to www.uwlax.edu/visit to learn about our tours and schedule your visit!

Contact Sam Pierce at spierce@uwlax.edu to request a visit to your high school, including our new Virtual High School Visit option.
Apply for Admission
Students need to submit the UW System application, nonrefundable application fee, high school transcript, and optional ACT/SAT scores.

The online application is available at apply.wisconsin.edu. Admission decisions are typically returned within 3-4 weeks.

Tips to Being a Competitive Applicant
Students need to have rigor in their senior schedule. Courses in the core curriculum of English, math, science and social science are extremely important. Essays should be well written, organized, grammatically correct and proofed! No need to write a novel, a page in length is all that is necessary.

Essays
Main Statement: This part is all about you. Tell us about something you’ve done — academically or personally — and what you’ve learned from it. Was it a success or a challenge? Did it represent a turning point in your life? How did this particular moment in your life influence you, and how will it continue to influence you as you pursue your college education?

Campus Statement: Respond to one of the following:
1. Tell us about any circumstances that may have had an impact on your academic performance. Tell us why you are interested in attending UWL.

Tuition and fees Include

- 12-18 semester credits
- Textbook rental
- Use of Recreational Eagle Center facilities
- City bus pass
- Use of Student Health Center
- Admission into regular-season athletic events

Test Optional Policy
We understand that some students were not able to take standardized tests due to test cancellations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our temporary test optional policy means applicants will choose whether or not to submit standardized test scores, such as the ACT or SAT, as part of their admission application. Test optional is open to students who do not wish to share their scores and to students who were not able to take an exam on the scheduled testing dates. Although we are test optional, we encourage students who have been able to take the ACT or SAT to submit their scores.

Submitting your ACT or SAT scores is optional for admission consideration. Applicants choosing to not submit standardized tests will not be at a disadvantage nor will it negatively impact their application review.

If an applicant has previously submitted test scores to UWL but indicates on the application that they would not like their scores considered, test scores will not be viewed during the application review.

Online Resources for Counselors
Credit By Exam
We publish the information about our policies for accepting AP, IB and CLEP credits through our Credit By Exam guide, available at uw lax.edu/admissions/ap-ib-clep-credit.

School Counselor Website
This website is designed for school counselors and families. It provides the most recent information and an option to sign up for the UWL High School Counselor e-Newsletter at: uw lax.edu/admissions/explore/schoolcounselors-and-families.

WINGS Student Center: Need To Know
When a student applies to UWL, they are sent an email to the email address provided on their application with a username and password providing access to their WINGS Student Center.

Through their WINGS Student Center, they will:
- Track the status of their application
- Pay the $100 enrollment deposit
- Pay the $150 housing deposit and complete the housing contract
- View information about financial aid
- Sign up for START
- Register for classes
- Review information about transfer credit

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The Admissions Office is here to help you and your students. Please call or email us with any questions, comments, or concerns.